(b) the total amount allocated by the Central Government, Scheme-wise and year-wise;

(c) the reasons for not providing total financial assistance sought by the State Government; and

(d) the necessary action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (c) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted many proposals for Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for specific projects during the last three years to the Planning Commission. These proposals are in addition to the funds provided to them for Annual Plans. The proposals are considered and the funds sanctioned by the Planning Commission keeping in view the techno-economic viability of the project, competing demands from other States and total availability of funds.

(b) and (d) The Additional Central Assistance (ACA) approved for Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Additional Central Assistance
1999-2000	34.76
2000-2001	16.45
2001-2002	51.40

Observers' Research Foundation

3081. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Observers Research Foundation is working to advise the Government on political, economic, security and social issues;

(b) if so, who are the members of this think tank; and

(c) who is funding the foundation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Planning Commission is not aware of the Observers Research Foundation, working to advise the Government on political, economic, security and social issues.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.